

ARMS SHORTAGE FOR RUSSIANS A 40-MILE LINE

Germans and Austrians
Fired 700,000 Shells in 2
Hours in Galicia.

GOOD GENERALSHIP SAVED ARMY IN MAY

The Russian line in Galicia in May ran in a general way along the banks of the Dniester-Romania river, extending roughly from the Vistula south to the spurs of the Carpathians, through which the army of Brusilov based on Dukla was working its way through the famous Dukla Pass.

Already the Russian armies were beginning to feel the shortage in ammunition and war material. The reason for this lack of munitions, especially shells, was not due entirely to incompetence and corruption, though undoubtedly glaring defects in the Petrograd bureaucracy played their part, but rather to the fact that the Russians as well as every other belligerent except Germany had underestimated the quantities of material modern conditions would make necessary.

The war office probably based their reserves in shells on their Manchurian experiences, when this war has shown that nearly ten times those amounts have been used.

Realize Shortage in Munitions.

This is probably due in large part to the fact that the new Russian field gun is a genuine quick firer with a theoretical speed of over twenty shots a minute. In the early stages of the war I knew one battery that fired 32 rounds of ammunition per gun in 35 minutes.

Russia is not a highly developed industrial country and even when she mobilized such assets as she had she could not begin to feed her guns. Shut off from the short and constant supply to the outside world, she found that even when material ordered could be shipped it was a long time before it could reach the firing line.

Army Manned Near Tarnov.

Toward the end of April the Russian fliers became aware of the concentration of troops and aircraft in the theater of operations west of Tarnov. Many persons have asked me why the Russians did not meet it on the same scale. The answer is simple.

Though the Russians have millions of men in service and under training, they did not have the rifles to put in the hands of the guns in shells which would give them support.

Sweden Safe, Says Sazonoff.

Sweden Minister Asgerius Has No Designs on Country.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—A Russian despatch from Petrograd says that Sazonoff, Minister of Foreign Affairs, received the despatch of a Russian newspaper in speaking to them on the improved relations between Russia and Sweden he said:

"It is evident that in Sweden, as elsewhere, there has been a chauvinistic movement. It is possible that Sweden may feel the need of taking measures for the defense of her frontiers, but we can declare categorically that she will not have to defend them against Russia and that this side of her frontiers is perfectly secure."

While not denying that some excitement has been caused in Sweden by the British contraband measures, M. Sazonoff said:

"Britain is forced to defend legitimate interests, which demand the eradication of German maritime contraband. Moreover, Great Britain is going to do her best not to compromise the interests of neutrals, including Sweden."

He declared that Germany, which enjoys the good will of Sweden, takes care not to do anything to offend the great Britain and "sinks neutral ships mercilessly," including Swedish.

CANADIAN OFFICER KILLED.

Lieut.-Col. Holmes Victim of Auto Accident in England.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Lieut.-Col. Frederick Holmes of the Canadian army was killed in an automobile accident near Worthing, a He company, Lieut. R. H. Hopkins, also of the Canadian contingent, was seriously injured.

FIVE SHIPS FROM U. S. SEIZED.

British Take Norwegian and Danish Vessels Into Kirkwall.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Five steamships, all bound from American ports, have been seized by the British authorities and taken into Kirkwall.

They are the Norwegian steamships T. A. and T. B. and the Danish ships T. C. and T. D. and the Norwegian ship T. E.

70,000 AUSTRIANS BLINDED ON SONZO

Flying Rock Splinters Caused
by Italian Shells Do Terrible Damage.

VIENNA SHORT OF FOOD

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The Daily Mail's special correspondent who returned recently from an extended study tour of the Central Empires and the Near East writes:

"The pinch of hunger felt in Vienna and Italy's entrance into the war, both resulting from the intervention of Great Britain, made the people of the Austrian capital much more hostile against England than they were during my visit at the end of last May."

"Vienna is not dark at night like London, Paris and Constantinople, but the cafes are closed early and the former great gaiety of the city no longer exists. There as everywhere else in the Tonic zone the food question is the chief topic of conversation."

"The humorous side of the situation is that while the people of Turkey expect to get food from Austria and Germany the people of Austria and Germany expect to get food from Turkey."

"The writer talked aboard a train with Turks, who were of the opinion that the opening of the Orient railway would bring a semi-starvation existing in Constantinople."

No Spare Food in Germany.

"But I have been in Germany in war time and I know that, whatever the lights were projected by the fact that there is no spare food in Germany, there is no spare food in Germany."

"The people of Vienna do not grumble at the lack of food, but they do grumble at the lack of food in Germany."

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SAYS BRITISH DRAFT HIT GERMANS HARD

Traveller Asserts People, Expecting Peace Soon, Now Fear Long War.

AGITATION FOR REPUBLIC

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The Times begins this morning a series of articles by "a neutral publicist of wide experience and mature political judgment" who recently has visited for the second time since the war the chief cities of Germany and Austria-Hungary and has ascertained the views of many of the leading men of all parties and classes."

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COPENHAGEN, Jan. 30.—A great number of British warships and German submarines have been operating off the Norwegian coast during the last few weeks. Zeppelins also were busy over Gotland and the Scandinavian coasts. A naval battle is looked for.

U BOAT GETS NEAR SALONICA.

After Sinking of Mule Transport Allies Make New Landing.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Salonica says:

"An anti-aircraft machine gun was fired from the occupation of Karaburun fort on the Chalcidic Peninsula today. It was due to the fact that a few days ago a German submarine approached within a few miles of the entrance of the channel leading to the port of Salonica and torpedoed a transport conveying a large number of mules."

SWISS TO GET U. S. COTTON.

French Release 10,000 Bales Stored in Havre and Boulogne.

BERN, Jan. 29.—Some of the idle cotton mills of Switzerland are likely to restart soon, as the French Government has released 10,000 bales of American cotton stored at Havre and Boulogne.

Great Britain has permitted Switzerland to import 6,000 bales of Egyptian cotton.

HUNDREDS DIE IN FLOOD; CALIFORNIA TOWN GONE

Bodies Floating on Waters; Thousands, Marooned, Are in Danger—Big Otay Dam Bursts—Rescuers in Aeroplanes Fail.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30 (wireless from San Diego).—With hundreds of square miles of once beautiful valleys stripped of every sign of verdure, the waters of San Diego Bay and the country for miles around the Exposition city literally covered with bodies of dead animals, with thousands of panic-stricken people in San Diego and neighboring towns trying to get away and a terrific gale coming in from the sea, the flood situation in this section of the country is hourly becoming worse.

With the bodies of the city filling up and more towns being swept out, whole valleys being inundated, conditions are indescribable and it is feared the worst is yet to be learned.

Sixty are known to be dead in the Otay Valley and reports from other places indicate that the toll will be more than one hundred.

Escondido has been flooded by the overflow from the Escondido River and dead animals are being found everywhere. The town of Escondido will be again flooded National City, the Tia Juana Valley and Otay.

The Tia Juana watercourse is gone. Six hundred men with many horses are marooned there and in imminent danger. Their supplies are undoubtedly growing short.

Rescuers Are Stranded.

Hundreds of automobiles have been stranded on the roads on the way to perform rescue duty at Otay and Tia Juana.

A desperate attempt to relieve the distress of Otay dam victims was made with an aeroplane when Max Fleishman, wealthy Cincinnati man, prompted by the thought of starved ones, mounted a rescue mission. He was met by a flood of water and the aeroplane was forced to land. Flying low, he was able to see several bodies in the debris, where they had been crushed by a rush of water, but not a living being came within his range of sight.

Raymond Norris, another aviator, made a trip up the valley of death, but was unable to land. He was forced to land on a hill and was unable to land. He was forced to land on a hill and was unable to land.

BIG DAMAGE IN WEST.

Lands Flooded, Train and Wire Service Halted.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 30.—Severe rain and sleet storms of the past three days have done thousands of dollars worth of damage throughout southwest Missouri, eastern Kansas and Oklahoma and northwestern Arkansas, according to reports received here.

Trains were stopped and almost paralyzed, while farming lands have been flooded throughout this section. Traffic on the southwestern division of the Frisco has been interrupted by a heavy landslide near Warden, Ark., and it will be several days before it is resumed.

Rainstorms in hundreds of homes and business houses have been flooded.

MISSISSIPPI WAY UP.

Levees Are Being Strengthened With Sand Bags.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 30.—Unprecedented January rises in the Mississippi and its tributaries have caused heavy damage in southern Illinois, Arkansas and as the rivers are still rising more damage is feared.

Miles of farming lands are overflooded and the crops are being strangled with water. The Mississippi River has reached a stage of 31 feet at this point and is still rising.

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BRANDEIS TO BE PUT ON GRIDDLE

Searching Inquiry Into His Acts Expected as the First Senate Move.

WALL STREET AN ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States will receive its first consideration at the hands of the Senate to-morrow morning when the Judiciary Committee, to which it was referred, will meet for the first time since the nomination was sent in.

The first act will be to refer the nomination to a sub-committee to investigate and report back to the full committee on the merits of the appointment. The Judiciary Committee is overwhelmingly opposed to the nomination, but just how a sub-committee of five or seven as the case may be will handle it will depend of course on the personnel.

Five members can be found of whom a majority—three—would be favorable. The chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Senator Culberson, had been away from Washington for some time. He may be at the meeting to-morrow, for he has returned to Washington. It was said to-day that he will resume his official work in the Senate at once.

Culberson Favorable.

Mr. Culberson will not discuss the nomination because it is an executive matter, but it is understood that he will vote to report favorably on the nomination. He has been asked to do so by the financial leaders of the country.

The Roosevelt-Gary dinner was a warning of the powerful influence of these powerful money interests. The nomination of Brandeis is the making of a patriotic Administration undimmed and unafraid."

BRANDEIS IS MUM.

Says He Will Say Nothing, Not Even to the Moon.

LOUIS D. Brandeis refused tonight to make any comment either on his nomination to the Supreme Court bench or the charges being made against him when he arrived in New York last night from Washington.

"Have you heard that charges have been made to Senators concerning your relations with the United Shoe Machinery Company, the W. L. Douglas Shoe Company, the Lenox case and the Warren case?" Mr. Brandeis was asked by a reporter for The Sun.

"I have not," he answered, "I have nothing to say about any of them, and that goes for all time and all newspapers, including both The Sun and The Evening Post."

Mr. Brandeis is staying at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Josephine Goldmark, 270 West Ninety-fourth street. This evening he leaves for his home, Boston.

HOTCHKISS APPROVES.

Thinks the Brandeis Nomination Should Be Confirmed.

William H. Hotchkiss, former State chairman of the National Progressive party, said yesterday regarding the Brandeis nomination:

"As the result of responsibility, when people, all of the various shades of opinion, should, of course, be consulted, Mr. Brandeis' reputation as a looking man and shrewd, intelligent man is confirmed."

BRITISH TO TAX THEATRES.

Railroad Tickets Also May Have to Help Pay for War.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The British Government has engaged for several weeks to discuss a scheme of taxation to be introduced in the March budget, which, in principle, according to the British press, may be a tax on theatre receipts, or a deduction of a part of the receipts.

A tax on railway tickets is also being considered.

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